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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING

RE: Information on the Levan Gypsum Mine, Security #1-4 Claims, Plan of Operations #9/9/93 and later identified as #01-99-001 for Gunnison Gypsum

Dear Tony:

The Levan Gypsum Mine (Gunnison Gypsum, Inc.) was inspected on April 10, 2000 by Will Wilson (Forest Service Geologist) and Krista Kiaha (Forest Service Archaeologist). I was surprised to learn that Geneva Rock was operating this mine located on National Forest System (NFS) Lands without our knowledge or approval. The Forest Service did have an indication several months ago of a "possible" deal on this operation involving Geneva Rock, but no additional information was received on this.

Currently, the Forest Service recognizes Gunnison Gypsum Inc. (Robert Miller) as the legal, bonded and approved operator for this operation. Will related to John Childs the seriousness of mining on NFS Lands without proper approval. John mentioned that Geneva Rock had recently purchased the property from Robert Steele and Jack Dansie (former operators of the Levan Mine) and that Geneva Rock was working on a Large Mine Operation (LMO) application as required by the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM). The state application is required for operations exceeding 5 acres under the State of Utah laws, likewise, any and all projects located on National Forest System Lands require the appropriate applications, in this case, a plan of operations. Locatable mineral activities and operations on NFS lands are regulated under 36 CFR 228 Subpart A.

Tony, I appreciate your prompt response to Will Wilson on April 11, 2000 concerning Geneva Rock taking over operations at the Levan Gypsum Mine. As promised, I have enclosed the existing plan of operations, former bond calculation and some pertinent information concerning this operation.

- 1) Submit a letter explaining the recent course of events concerning the Levan Mine transaction.
- 2) Read all of the enclosed information carefully and compare how the former mining operation relates to Geneva Rock's mining intentions. You may adopt the current plan of operations, if the existing approved plan of operations meets your needs and is within the scope of your planned future actions. I have enclosed the most current (blank) plan of operations form (FS-2800-5) for you to use and fill out. Add any additional maps, descriptions, changes and calculations for your actions. You mentioned that you were



having an environmental firm develop the LMO application; such information would be necessary for the Forest Service.

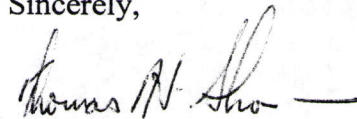
- 3) If Geneva Rock decides that the current plan of operations is not applicable to their future plans, then Geneva Rock may submit a new plan of operations, in which case, environmental analysis must be conducted as required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 and the appropriate environmental document (EA or EIS) would be developed to address and mitigate issues identified for your proposal. Such a scenario would require at least 12 months or more to conduct the necessary public scoping, cultural, biological, and other evaluations and analysis.
- 4) The current Reclamation Performance Bond for \$38,000 is held for Gunnison Gypsum Inc. (Robert Miller). This bond is ten years old and is no longer adequate for the project. Please review your desired future actions and submit a proposed bond calculation that would accurately reflect your future mining actions and disturbance for this project on NFS Lands.
- 5) Contact Robert Miller of Gunnison Gypsum, Inc. in Spokane Washington explaining the recent events. Will gave you his address and phone number.

I am surprised and disappointed that Robert Steele and Jack Dansie did not indicate or discuss with Geneva Rock the proper permitting actions required with the Forest Service on NFS Lands and I am additionally disappointed that Robert Steele did not contact Will Wilson, as he had promised on February 2, 2000, once this deal was finalized. They should be familiar with FS permitting procedures and especially with such a transaction since Robert Steele and Jack Dansie conducted a similar transaction with Robert Miller of Gunnison Gypsum in 1997 for this property.

Geneva Rock has a good reputation in the construction and business community and I hope we can continue along in that same spirit for working on the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

I look forward to your prompt reply and recommend that you call Tom Munsen, DOGM, at (801) 538-5321. Thank you for your time and cooperation. I can be reached at (435) 283-4151 or Will Wilson at (435) 384-2372 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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